

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of the present application.

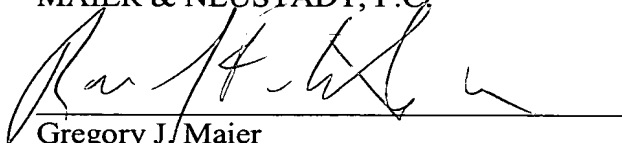
Claims 23-26 and 36-51 are pending in this application. Claims 1-22 and 27-35 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 23, 24, 38, 39, and 40 have been amended to correct minor typographical errors introduced by the Examiner's Amendment and by the Amendment filed June 15, 2006, all without the introduction of any new matter.

Thus, it is believed to be clear that entry of the amendments to Claims 23, 24, 38, 39, and 40 involves only entering corrections of typographical errors that constitute formal matters. Consequently, it is believed to be clear that these amendments require no further search or other consideration on the merits.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment under 37 CFR §1.312 be entered.

Respectfully submitted,

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